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February 8, 2004

Arizona Corporation Commission Utilities Division

Attn: Jeff Hatch-Miller 1200 W. Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Mr. Hatch-Miller:

DEC# 6631/

Enclosed are copies of two bills – one from "Citizens" and the other from "Unisource Energy". Both cover the time period from December 4/5 to January 7/8th. One is from the year 2003 the other from year 2004. This letter is written to ask what has happened to the regulatory system? From all the information given Unisource's increases were to be an average of 21%. Considering "cost of living" increases I would say even 21% was excessive.

Please note below how far this rate increase really went:

See "basic cost of service": Using "Citizens 2003 rate" with my higher usage - 166 @ .4414000 = $$73.27 \times 21\%$ (\$15.38) = \$88.65 verses "Unisource 2004 rate" 166 @ .7004000 = 16.27. Please explain the difference of \$27.62? With this additional charge, also comes the higher PGA cost/surcharge (another increase), sales taxes, fees, all based on the higher amount.

We are senior citizens. Our thermostat is 70 degrees during the day and 60 at night. I would not consider this excessive. I do however consider "Unisource's" charges excessive. How long do you think senior citizens or families can afford these charges?

Sincerely

Anthony J. Palma

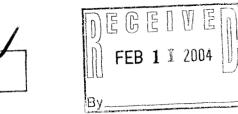
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Customer Charge. The amount paid for the availability of gas service, excluding any gas used.

Citizens Arizone Gas is regulated by the Arizone Corporation Commission Utilities Division, 1200 Washington, Phoenix AZ 85007. If a customer is unable to resolve with Citizens Arizona Gas any billing or service dispute, the customer may contact the Arizona Corporation Commission Utilities Division at the above address or by calling 1-800-222-7000. 1200 W

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